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JULY 8, 1903.

GRUVER, *American Consulate, Port Limon, Costa Rica:*

During prevalence yellow fever take temperature passengers and crews vessels bound for United States. Detain all with temperature above normal. Authorized to purchase dozen thermometers.

WALTER WYMAN, *Surgeon-General.*

Report on rats from city wharf and Chinese, Japanese, and Latin quarters examined during the week ended June 27, 1903.

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Currie through Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of June 27, 1903:

Number of rats caught alive	84
Number found dead	4
Number showing lesions of phosphorous poisoning	1
Number showing pest infection	0

List of unsanitary places examined.

Following plumbing defects need immediate attention:

No. 815 Dupont: Closet does not flush.

No. 847 Dupont: Rotten sink; plumbing choked.

No. 803 Washington: Defective plumbing. Place odorous and foul.

No. 733 Washington: No urinal. Closet rotten. Place odorous and foul.

No. 104 Waverly: Foul closet in basement. Place odorous.

No. 815 Washington: Drug store. Leaky faucet in kitchen.

No. 819 Washington: Dwelling. Condition of plumbing is bad. Kitchen filthy.

No. 821 Washington: Store. Condition of plumbing bad.

No. 823 Washington: Dwelling and "hook shop." Closets filthy; stairways dirty.

No. 823¼ Washington: Rear rooms poorly ventilated..

No. 823½ Washington: Kitchen floor filthy. Whole place odorous.

No. 42 Spofford: Restaurant. No traps to sink pipes.

No. 26 Spofford: Restaurant. Kitchen foul; wooden sink.

No. 24 Spofford: Closets on second floor dirty. Sink untrapped.

No. 22 Spofford: Sink pipe untrapped. Plumbing generally is bad.

No. 20 Spofford: Rooms filthy and poorly ventilated. Plumbing is generally bad.

No. 12 Spofford: Lodging house. Rear areas and kitchen very dirty.

No. 16 Spofford: Untrapped sink; drains to open hopper.

No. 10 Spofford: Kitchen and basement filthy. Floors broken; ground underneath wet with sewage.

No. 1023 Stockton: No trap to sink drain.

No. 1021 Stockton: No trap to sink drain.

No. 8 Spofford: All tumble-down dwelling, dirty and unfit for habitation.

No. 6½ Spofford: Lodging place. Unfit for habitation.

No. 4 Spofford: No trap to sink drain.

No. 826½ Clay: Dwelling. Old, dirty, and unsanitary.

No. 826½ Clay: Basement. Hop joint. Poorly ventilated. Floors broken. Unfit for human habitation.

No. 824½ Clay: Lodging place. Rooms small and badly ventilated.

No. 822 Clay: Dwelling. Whole place needs cleaning, painting, and limewash.

No. 820½ Clay: Lodging place. Filth has accumulated upon floors. Sink drain is untrapped. New plumbing throughout.

No. 811 Clay: Rear areas dirty.

No. 32½ Waverly: Not fit for habitation.

No. 24 Waverly: Not fit for habitation.
No. 714a Dupont: Not fit for human habitation.
No. 744 Commercial: Not fit for habitation.
No. 809 Washington: Three wooden sinks are unsanitary. Poultry kept in basement.
No. 806 Clay: Plumbing torn up; some pipes leak badly.
No. 714 Commercial: Condition of plumbing, bad.
No. 809 Washington: Three unsanitary wooden sinks. Poultry in basement.
No. 807 Washington: Wooden sink; drain untrapped.
No. 807½ Washington: Floor under sink covered with urine.
No. 803 Washington: All closets should be condemned and renewed.
No. 116 Waverly: Kitchen and closets are filthy.
No. 104 Waverly: Closet old and rotten; odor of sewer gas in place.

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended July 4, 1903.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, at San Francisco, under date of July 8, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended July 4, 1903:

Buildings reinspected	206
Rooms	1,875
Persons inspected	1,829
Sick	32
Sick seen and prescribed for at the Oriental Dispensary	10
Dead examined	9
Necropsies	3
Rats examined bacteriologically	104
Number showing plague infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	1,002
Times streets swept and sprinkled	3
Sewers flushed	7
Number of plumbing nuisances abated and undergoing abatement	12
Total number of plumbing inspections	64

Measures for checking smallpox in northern Maine (Canadian border).

Surgeon Kalloch reports from Portland, Me., July 3 as follows: Acting Asst. Surg. Luther Mason reports from Fort Kent, Me., that he has disinfected 4 houses and vaccinated 44 persons in the last ten days. No new cases have appeared during that time.

Inspection service, Mexican border.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, June 27 and 30, as follows:

El Paso, Tex.—Week ended June 27, 1903.

Inspection Mexican Central passengers	160
Inspection Rio Grande and Pacific passengers	17
Inspection Mexican immigrants	87
Disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry	319